

DATES & DATA

The JSC Employee Assistance Program is offering a Smoking Cessation Class to all on-site civil servants and contractors. For more information and to sign up, please call extension 36130.

APRIL 11

MAES meets: The Society of Mexican-American Engineers and Scientists meets at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 16, Rm. 111. For details contact Margaret C. Delgado at 713-643-6097 or mcdelgad@aol.com.

APRIL 12

Airplane club meets: The Radio Control Airplane Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park building. For more information contact Bill Langdoc at x35970.

APRIL 13

Astronomers meet: The JSC Astronomical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. For more information contact Chuck Shaw at x35416.

APRIL 18

SCUBA club meets: The Lunarfans meets at 7:30 p.m. For details contact Mike Manering at x32618. Website: <http://www4.jsc.nasa.gov/ah/ExcERA/leisure/Lunarfans/default.htm>

APRIL 19

Directors meet: The Space Family Education board of directors meets at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For more information contact Lynn Buquo at x34716.

APRIL 21

Houston Area International Administrative Professional (IAAP) Brunch, registration 9:00 at Gilruth Center. Mr. Richard Alderman, the People's Lawyer seen regularly on Channel 13, is the speaker. Alderman is the author of several books and a professor at the University of Houston. For registration contact Aglaee Nicolas at nicolasa@aristechchem.com or 281-884-4336 or Bernice Woolsey at 281-334-5474.

APRIL 26

Radio Club meets: The JSC Amateur Radio Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Piccadilly, 2465 Bay Area Blvd. For more information contact Larry Dietrich at x39198. Website: <http://www.w5rrr.org>

The 2001 Spring National Education Seminar entitled "The Contracting Professional as a Risk Manager" is scheduled for April 26, 2001 at the Nassau Bay Hilton. Registration/Continental Breakfast is from 7:30 am - 8:30 am and the Conference will be held from 8:30 am - 5 pm. This year's speaker will be Mr. Ron Smith, CPCM, Director of the North America Contracts and Bids Compaq Computer Corporation. Mr. Smith is the former National Vice President of NCMA. The seminar will be co-presented by Mr. John L. Kreideweis, CPCM, Principal, Ernst & Young, LLP. Mr. Kreideweis is the past NCMA National President.

For reservations, please contact the following:
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Registration Fees: Members - \$145 Non-members - \$195



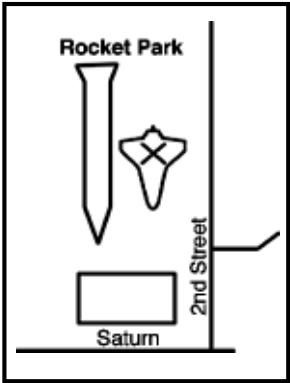
Lunarfans - a SCUBA Club supported by JSC - meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Watergate Marina clubhouse. It is open to all JSC employees and contractors, their families and any interested members of the community. This photo of Judy Flanagan was taken on the group's annual trip to Cozumel, Mexico, last December. Anyone interested in the club should contact Mike Manering at (281) 483-2618 or Aurin Tesoro at (281) 282-2989. *(Does your group have a photo to share? Send it to the Roundup AP131).*

Your chance to be ‘in’ the space shuttle

The shuttle will be appearing at JSC, but only with your help. Join us Friday, April 13 at 11 a.m. to help create a human shuttle to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the STS-1. All JSC civil servants and contractors are encouraged to participate.

How do I participate?

Meet at Rocket Park (see map) promptly at 11 a.m., Friday, April 13. Organizers will be there to direct you to the designated area to form the shuttle shape. NASA photographers will capture the image, which will be reprinted in an upcoming *Roundup*.



In-Search-OF

Mother's Day is quickly approaching and we need your input! Do you know of any mothers who work, or have worked, with their children here at JSC? We'd like to spotlight these family ties. Please send your story idea information to Melissa Davis, Roundup Editor, at melissa.davis1@jsc.nasa.gov, or give her a call at (281) 483-9978.

NASA BRIEFS

OSCARS GO GLOBAL WITH INTRODUCTION FROM SPACE

Lights. Camera. Action!

It may not exactly be the big break they were looking for, but the Expedition Two crew onboard the International Space Station made its Hollywood debut during the Academy Awards ceremony, which was broadcast on Sunday, March 25. An international television audience of nearly 800 million viewers saw the Academy Awards. The 73rd annual Oscars started with a weightless space station introduction of this year's host-actor, comedian and writer Steve Martin-albeit only a life-sized likeness. American astronaut Susan Helms, flanked by her crewmates, Russian Commander Yury Usachev and fellow astronaut Jim Voss, gave the show's master of ceremonies a proper send-off. "The Academy Awards is one of the few events that you know the entire world watches," NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin said. "When producers of the Oscars' ceremony approached us, we thought it was an excellent opportunity to expose a global audience to the important work being done by NASA and its international partners in orbit on the International Space Station." Producers from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences have a history of closely guarding details of the opening ceremony, and this year's program was no different. The introduction, shot in the near zero-gravity of space, was taped during the STS-102 mission that delivered the members of the Expedition Two crew to their new home.

NASA ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN MINORITY HIGHER EDUCATION

Recognized as one of the visionary leaders in involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and other minority serving institutions in innovative science, technology and research, NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin was honored March 23, 2001, with the Federal Leadership Award by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO). The award is presented to leaders in the federal government who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in advancing HBCU and other minority serving institutions in their efforts to educate the nation's next generation of scientists and engineers. NAFEO is an advocate for 118 of the nation's historically and predominantly black colleges and universities. "I am pleased to be honored by an organization that champions equal opportunity efforts in higher education," Goldin said. "I can assure you that the Agency's commitment and support for HBCU's and other minority serving institutions of higher learning will remain steadfast as we strive to further the Nation's agenda in science and technology." During the last nine years, NASA has established significant partnerships with HBCU. These partnerships have resulted in the establishment of new doctorate programs at various HBCU in physics, mechanical engineering, atmospheric sciences and environmental science and engineering.